

Frederick County Commission For Women

Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street

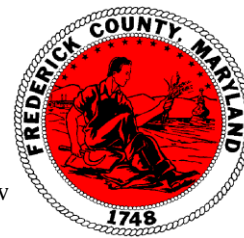
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Monthly Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm

November 12, 2013

Winchester Hall, 3rd Floor

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Commissioners Present: Sharon Dobson, Valerie Dougherty, Tish Honse, Christine Ferguson, Susan Mender, Veralynn Morris, Michelle Nusum-Smith, Natalie Abbas, Linda Roth, Marcela Perez, Olga Hernandez-Smith, Shellome Walters

Absent Commissioners: Ashley Collier, Diana Halleman, Cynthia Miller

Guests: Theresa Smith, Victoria Zevallos-Woods, Rosario Campos, Gloria Parsley,

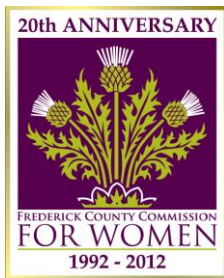
I. **President's Report and Announcements**

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.
 - b. Commissioners, guests and volunteers introduced themselves.
 - c. October 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Dobson moved that minutes be approved. Commissioner Ferguson seconded. Motion passed with one abstention (Commissioner Mender)
 - d. Speaker – Gloria Parsley of the Fort Detrick Alliance gave an overview of the organization. She provided the 2012 annual report and gave the group a summary of accomplishments for the last quarter. Additionally, she gave examples of ways the Alliance brings the community together to build a strong relationship with Ft. Detrick. Commissioner Hernandez-Smith informed Ms. Parsley of some activities the CFW has done with Ft. Detrick.
 - e. Announcements:
 - i. President Roth announced two upcoming events: on 11/17, the Heartly House is having a Party in Purple and on 11/28, the Way Station is sponsoring a Turkey Trot 5K. Commissioner Perez announced a benefit yard sale at Baker Park. Commissioner Dobson announced that the Human Relations Council is having a discussion at Winchester Hall on 12/10
 - f. Calendar of Events: Any calendar updates should be sent to President Roth
- #### II. **Financial Report:** Treasurer Dougherty will provide financial information during the update on the Maryland Women's Conference.

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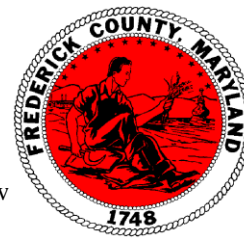
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III. Committee/Liaison Reports:

- a. **Legislative** - Commissioner Honse reported on the Legislative Committee's "Meet the Candidate" night on 10/24 for Frederick City mayoral and alderman candidates. The committee did not meet in November, but the December meeting will focus on educating the public on the change to Charter government. The committee will also begin planning for candidate forums to be held in 2014.
- b. **Outreach** - Commissioner Hernandez-Smith reported that "Overcoming Multi-Cultural Barriers" was a big success and the committee would like to have similar events in the future. On 10/9/13, the CFW partnered with Balfour Communities to host a potluck at Ft. Detrick. Several CFW members will volunteer at the Centro Hispano toy distribution event on 12/11/13.
- c. **Recruitment** - Commissioner Mendez thanked all those who volunteered at the Maryland Women's Conference. There are two applications on file for new Commissioners, but no new members needed at this time.

IV. Old Business:

- a. Maryland Women's Conference - Commissioner Dobson provided a briefing on the conference and Commissioner Dougherty gave a report on the financial outcomes. There was a discussion on the value of the conference and whether it should be held in 2014. Commissioners and volunteers discussed alternative ideas. Each person is asked to write a short paragraph with ideas and submit them to Commissioners Dobson and Roth by 11/22.
- b. Commissioner Ferguson distributed the updated Strategic Plan for insertion into the Commissioner Handbook.

- V. **New Business:** - Commissioner Ferguson provided a summary of the Liaison Initiative. She distributed a list with Commissioner and Volunteer partner selection as well as a suggested process flow. The members will review the documents, provide feedback and the organization's contact information to both Commissioner Ferguson and Commissioner Nusum-Smith. At the monthly meetings, each member will give a short summary of any activities of the organization.

- VI. **Adjournment:** Commissioner Mender moved and Commissioner Abbas seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed by unanimous vote. The next public meeting will be Tuesday, December 10, 2013.

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